

Ledyard VFW Post 4608 Announces 2011 Essay Contest Winner

Contest Chairman Merlin (Bud) Evered announced the Post winner of the 2011 Patriot's Pen Essay Contest at the Post 4608 monthly meeting held on January 9, 2012.

Patriot's Pen is a VFW Sponsored nationwide youth-essay writing contest that gives students in grades 6, 7 and 8 the opportunity to write essays expressing their views on democracy. Annually, more than 115,000 students participate in the contest. The first-place winner receives a \$10,000 savings bond. State winners compete in a national competition and receive an all-expense-paid trip to Washington D.C. The top national winners each receive a savings bond anywhere from \$1,000 to \$10,000. The 2011 contest theme was "Are you proud of your country"?

The Ledyard VFW Post 4608 2011 Patriot Pen winner was Caleb McKenzie, son of Glenn and Andrea McKenzie of Reuven Court Ledyard. Caleb has been home schooled by his parents since kindergarten.

Master McKenzie will be recognized at the February 13 Post meeting. Post members, family and guests including Caleb's grandfather, Ledyard Mayor John Rodolico will be in attendance. Caleb will read his essay followed by an awards ceremony and social hour.

Ledyard VFW Post 4608 congratulates Master McKenzie and wishes him continued success and the best of luck as he moves on to the Connecticut VFW State competition.